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The General Assembly is not scheduled to return until January. I am still working on constituent business and local events. Please do not hesitate to contact me.

Health Care Enrollment Now Until December 15th

North Carolinians who do not have health insurance coverage have until December 15th to enroll for 2018 through the Health Insurance Marketplace at HealthCare.gov.

The Marketplace is a way for people to find health coverage that meets their needs and fits their budget. By visiting HealthCare.gov, you can compare plans based on price, benefits and other features that are essential for you or your family members. Importantly, coverage cannot be denied because of pre-existing or chronic conditions like cancer or diabetes.

North Carolinians seeking in-person assistance with enrollment can visit the Get Covered Connector to find a local application assister or call the toll-free NC Navigator Helpline at 1-855-733-3711.

When you apply for health insurance through the Marketplace you'll know your costs before you enroll. Most people who sign up for coverage get help paying for their premiums, and you may also be able to get help with your copays and deductibles.

To get coverage, you must take action before Friday, December 15. And if you had coverage for 2017 through HealthCare.gov, you should log in to your Marketplace account as soon as possible to review your options for 2018.

[Editorial: N.C. passing up \\$13 billion for health care over next decade](#)
Capital Broadcasting Company

[Editorial: Message from Va. to NC – expand Medicaid](#)
The News & Observer

Fair Courts North Carolina

North Carolina leaders and citizens are speaking out against attacks on our state's courts and the independence of our judges. You can join them at: <http://faircourtsnc.com/>

[Faircourtsnc.com](#) is a project of the NAACP, Democracy NC, Progress NC, and the North Carolina Center for Voter Education. They are asking citizens and leaders to pledge to oppose any attempts to inject politics into North Carolina's justice system, including proposals that would shorten judicial terms, gerrymander court districts, or eliminate elections to allow legislators to appoint judges.

This year we have seen a lot of bills filed to weaken our courts and intimidate judges from doing their jobs. It is important that we stand together to fight back.

[Our View: Two-year judicial terms a terrible idea](#)
Rocky Mount Telegram

[North Carolina's Attacks on the Courts Lead to Fewer Judges of Color](#)
Americanprogress.org

[Our View: Keep politics out of court redistricting](#)
The Fayetteville Observer

News Clips

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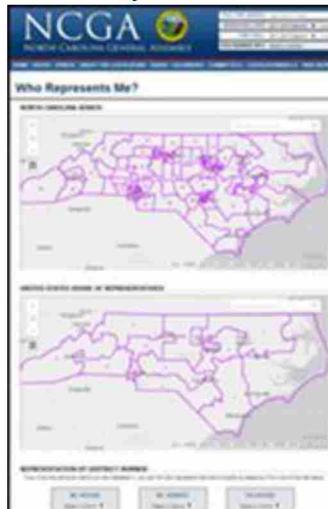
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2. Follow us on Twitter at **Rep_JFB** and Facebook at **Jean Farmer-Butterfield**.
3. Visit ncleg.net where you can see bills, listen to session, and see daily calendars. Currently citizens can access the “[Who Represents Me](#)” tool on NCGA website and easily determine the legislative district they reside in and who represents them.



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or key news items.

Listen to the House

Please remember that committee meetings and press conferences can be listened to on the General Assembly's website at www.ncleg.net. Once on the site, select "Audio," and then make your selection – House Chamber, Senate Chamber, Appropriations Committee Room or Press Conference Room. A schedule of committee meetings and other events is also available on the website.

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